

IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

Recent Social Events in Topeka and Vicinity.

GENERAL NOTES OF SOCIETY.

Personal Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

The camera club, of which Mr. C. C. Baker was the promoter and organizer, and is now the president, has about twenty-five members, all enthusiastic over the study of the art of photography. Mr. W. E. Swift is vice president, Mr. W. E. Culver, treasurer, and Mrs. W. E. Swift, secretary. The club meets in the evenings of the first and third Tuesdays in each month, at the home of some member. Last Tuesday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Swift was the place of rendezvous, and the meeting was most enjoyable. There was a large attendance, and the evening was devoted to taking some flash-light pictures of the club. These were immediately developed, and found to be most successful. Very creditable work has been done by the members of the camera club, they having worked at bromides, platotypes, platinotypes, and blue prints. At the last meeting a committee, consisting of Mr. Robert Pierce, Mr. F. G. Willard, and Mrs. W. E. Swift, was appointed, whose duty it is to prepare a programme for each meeting. This committee will serve three months. A reception is being planned for some time in January, at which some of the best work of the members will be exhibited. The next regular time of meeting falls on the first day of the new year, consequently the meeting will be held on the evening of January 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Willard, in Putnam Place.

Mr. Prentiss' Lecture.
The Ladies' Aid society of Grace cathedral have reason to congratulate themselves on the success of the entertainment given by them last evening, the chief number of which was Mr. Prentiss' charming lecture. As the audience was assembling Mr. Prentiss held an impromptu reception at the door. The room was soon well filled, and Miss Marguerite Bradley gave a piano solo, Mr. Dana M. Vicker sang and Miss Smiley recited "Yashitl." Then came the entertaining talk by Mr. Prentiss, followed by a short season of vocal singing. Edith Johnson, who was served by Messrs. Carl Nellie, Stanley Medford, Fred Mervin and Kenneth Wherry, who had officiated as ushers.

The Superbia Dance.
The Superbia gave another of their pleasant informal dance parties at their library hall last evening. There was a large attendance and the thorough enjoyment which usually characterizes the parties of this club was predominant. Those present were Messdames and Messrs. R. M. Frampton, and Dan Cain; Misses Lulu Fordyce, Jessie Garwood, Ida Smith, Wills Tomlinson, Mollie Crane, Lottie and Bessie Griffin, Emma Hagar, Teresa Greenwood, Emily Black, Nannie Hopkins, Lottie Smith, Blanche Johnson, Nellie Post, Lela Saxton, Ada Conkle, Nina Sharpe, Ella Murbarger, Carrie Merrick, Ethel Wood, Bertie Ryus, Messrs. Lewis Greenwood, George Elad, Julius Rosen, Oscar Wolf, Lee Edwell, Robert Cunningham, Charles Lagerstrom, Will Rockcliffe, Frank and Robert Merrick, Floyd Baker, Clydes Alvord, Will Brown, Frank Beck, Ernest Cox, Guy Fisher, Tom Mason, Frank Cain, Harry Goodrich, Fred Harrison, Irving Scott, Guy Hagar. The Superbia club will dance again New Years.

Miss Melrose Hamilton left today to spend the holidays in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Gustave Neubert of Kansas City, Kansas, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Gibson.

Miss Anna Christian of Bethany college, left today to spend the holidays at her home in Minneapolis.

Miss Eleanor Wilson and mother spent the day in Kansas City.

The Pansy club held its business meeting Monday afternoon with Misses Rosamond Horton and Alice Prescott. Fred Gibson will arrive from Olathe Friday.

Miss Kate Adams arrived from St. Louis today.

Miss Lida Bergen arrived at home yesterday from Lindwood college and will spend the holidays at home.

Mrs. S. M. Gardener went to Chicago Tuesday to meet her husband on his way home from New York city. They will return Saturday or Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Jettmore is keeping house for her sister, Mrs. Gardener, during the latter's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunlap are both suffering from influenza at their rooms at the Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Eberle have returned from an eastern trip.

Mr. Clarence R. Horner will arrive from Marlow, Texas, Sunday, to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. Otto Hakes, who is attending the Chicago University, will be at home for the holidays.

Miss Bessie Campbell, of Cheney, will be the guest of her cousin, Miss Nettie Robinson, next week.

Miss Mamie Chase, who is attending the Sacred Heart convent in St. Joe, will be at home for Christmas.

Noble Prentiss was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Nellis while in the city. The Imperial club will dance Friday night.

Miss Arlie Ewart, who has been visiting with her relations, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, of Chicago, returned home yesterday.

General Social Notes.

Miss Resale King of St. Louis will visit Mrs. J. I. King next week.

Mrs. P. P. Baker returned from Denver yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Baker and son Floyd, of Alamosa, Colorado, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Baker.

Mr. John Campbell, of the Chicago University will visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Robinson next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hunter of Temple, Texas, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Chase during the holidays. Miss Mabel Chase accompanies them.

Mrs. E. B. Johnson and Miss Mabel will spend the holidays in Kansas City.

Mrs. A. L. Williams and daughter, Mrs. W. T. Dickey of Omaha, went to Kansas City today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bert and children of Quincy, Ill., will arrive Friday and visit Mrs. Bert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williams.

The Chancel Chapter is out of debt.

Miss Theresa Rossington left for Kansas, Wis., Monday, where her sister Miss Florence, who will return with her

this evening or tomorrow, has been attending school.

Mr. Carl Foulks has gone to Chicago to meet his sister, Miss Grace, who will spend the holidays at home.

Miss Mabel Wilson will come down from the state university for the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fellows informally entertained a few friends at high five last evening. They have recently remodelled their cosy and comfortable home at 716 Lincoln street.

NOTES OF TOPEKA & VICINITY.

Dr. Magee went to Holton today on legal business.

Dr. H. W. Morgan of Denver is visiting Dr. Minney.

The Y. M. C. A. commence the preliminary contests of their bowling tournament today.

W. H. Ruff, assistant chief clerk in the pension office, has gone to Abilene to spend the holidays.

The rooms of the United States circuit court are now carpetless. New carpets will be put down soon.

Mrs. E. E. Roubush left today for Pittsburg, Kan., to spend the holidays with her mother and sister.

Farmers say that the recent rain has replenished the streams so that there is no longer a scarcity of stock water.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hunter of Temple, Texas, are visiting the family of G. M. Chase. Mr. and Mrs. Chase are the parents of Mrs. Hunter.

Councilman S. B. Bradford has returned from St. Joseph, where his brother, Andrew A. Bradford, is lying seriously ill with appendicitis.

A large frame house belonging to a farmer named Dupont, who lives several miles southwest of the city, was burned with all its contents this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Heath and three children are sick with scarlet fever at their home in Putnam. All the members of the family are out of danger.

H. R. Hilton says that the wheat in western Kansas now looks fairly well and a heavy rain or snow will bring it through the winter in good condition.

Geo. H. Evans has gone to Ft. Worth, Texas, where he has a contract to build a court house. His son Henry, who lives at Brazoria, Texas, accompanied him.

The three children of Special Pension Examining Agent Kingsley, who have been quite sick with the epidemic prevailing among children, have nearly recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cowgill, who live in Thurston Place, are the parents of a son, born Thursday evening. They now have six sons at home. Mr. Cowgill is editor of the Kansas Farmer.

United States District Attorney Perry went to Leavenworth yesterday to be present at the hearing before Commissioner Clough of the Chinaman who shot a companion at Ft. Leavenworth.

City Engineer Wm. Tweeddale is attempting to locate Beacon street in South Topeka. He is trying to find out whether Dr. Robert Jones is in the street, as is claimed by some of his neighbors.

Representative Hanna of Graham county, who will be the youngest member of the next house, is in Topeka being treated for throat trouble by a Tulest specialist. He wants to have his voice in good trim by the time the legislature convenes.

W. E. Banks of Russell county, late Democratic candidate for state auditor, who has been on the jury in the United States circuit court, says that western Kansas Democrats have received nothing from the Democratic administration, and he is mad about it.

Eltery Murray and J. W. Abrahams have returned to Mexico. Mr. Murray, who is a brother to the late John A. Murray, intends to remain in Mexico and has a coffee plantation of ten acres. Several other Topeka people may go to Mexico soon.

This is election week among the Masonic lodges. Topeka Chapter No. 5 R. A. M. was the first to elect officers: Chas. J. Webb, high priest; Silas L. Shubert, king; A. O. Wellman, scribe; W. S. Ferguson, captain of the lodge; Harry E. White, principal scribe; W. J. McClure, royal arch captain; Geo. M. Eagle, master of the third valley; W. E. Fagan, master of the second valley; A. A. Rodgers, master of the first valley.

SUPT. NEWELL MURDERED.

The General Superintendent of the Midland Terminal Road shot by a Minnie.

Charles Curran, Colo. Dec. 20.—The shooting of Richard Newell, jr., general superintendent and chief engineer of the Midland Terminal railroad, by A. W. Van Houten, a valuer, near Independence last night, was the result of a difficulty over the right of way of the road.

The owners of the Black Wonder could not agree with the railroad company as to the damage done the property by passing over it, and so an arbitration was decided upon, which gave to the Black Wonder a verdict of \$800.

Of this sum it appears the Midland Terminal only paid \$125, and so the owners, one of them at least, was a Yeoman who resides in this city and the men who live in a cabin standing directly on the right-of-way not to let the railroad people disturb the house under any circumstances. The railroad folks were bound to go ahead, however, and so they swerved out and around the cabin with their line, thus making it necessary for all trains in passing to come almost to a standstill at the point in question.

Superintendent Newell was out on the road in his special car.

When the train reached the cabin Mr. Newell signalled the engineer to stop, and jumping out of his car he pulled a paper from his pocket and waved it into the house. Suddenly Mr. Newell came out, and instantly Van Houten appeared in the doorway with a rifle in his hand. A quarter of a minute later the weapon was discharged, and Newell staggered, ran a few feet and fell into the arms of Pat McCawill. From the time he was shot he never spoke, and seven minutes later he was dead.

Van Houten claims he shot in self-defense, but six railroad men who witnessed the murder will testify that Mr. Newell was unarmed.

Van Houten had no interest in the property in dispute. He has been taken to the jail at Colorado Springs. The body of Mr. Newell has also been taken to the springs and will be shipped to Cleveland, O., for burial.

Richard Newell was 27 years of age and a nephew of the late President Newell of the Lake Shore railroad. His father lives at Newburyport, Mass.

W. H. Hosking, partner of A. W. Van Houten, who did the shooting, has also been arrested as an accessory.

FINDS ENDORSEMENT.

Lawyers Verify the Statements About Fee Grabbing.

A BILL IS BEING FRAMED

By R. B. Welch to be Introduced Into the Legislature Regulating Fees.

The war against fee-grabbers is the principal topic of conversation among the attorneys of Topeka this week. They all agree that it is a righteous warfare and that the legislature should afford them and their litigants some relief at its session this winter.

R. B. Welch has been at work some time outlining a bill, by request, which would remedy the present fee system. It provides, that the district clerk, sheriff, probate judge and justices of the peace be paid a stated salary, and all fees be turned into the county treasury.

Mr. Welch says, "I have never given the matter a great deal of study but it seems to be a criminal court like that described in the JOURNAL would be an excellent thing. It would be convenient and economical. I see no reason or justice in allowing the justices of the peace such enormous fees. The fault, of course, is with the law, but it should not assume the judges should be reasonable in their fees—it should make them so. I am told that it was Justice Searle who discovered the present way of charging fees. He studied the fee laws and discovered how to make big fee bills that were legal. It got out among the other local justices, and there was using it. I was glad to see the JOURNAL came out and take the stand it did, and I intend to go up to the office and tell them you did just right."

Joseph G. Waters says: "From long experience in the courts of this county, I am satisfied that the costs incurred in justice courts are far beyond the good they accomplish in civil cases, and in criminal cases the costs are simply wonderful and grievous to the tax payers. A simple investigation will prove this. I am in favor of a city court or salaries for our justices; either way would be economy. As regards the perquisites of the district clerk, they are greatly overstated. If, after paying help, he gathers in clean, over \$5,000 a year, I am mistaken. There are a heap of poverty afflicted suits, and I would say that in 25 per cent of the civil cases an execution would catch neither plaintiff nor defendant."

Ex-Sheriff John M. Wilkerson says: "There was a great deal of truth in what the JOURNAL said, and I think I ought to know, don't you?"

The unfairness of the fee system is plainly shown in the following statement from a county officer who gets a salary: "If the district clerk's office is good for \$3,000 a year, the county treasurer ought to be paid \$30,000 a year. Frank Stahl has to give a big bond and is responsible for every cent that is received or paid out by the county. He has more responsibility in a day than the district clerk has in a month. Yet he is paid a salary of \$4,000 a year, and out of this he has to pay his clerk and office help. At present business is brisk and he is working seven clerks at three dollars a day. He gets no fees. Figure this out and see how much Mr. Stahl's job is worth. The county clerk, who is responsible for all the tax and other county records gets \$2,500 a year and no fees."

WON'T GIVE IT UP.

Frank Herald Will Hold on to His Office Till '97.—The Candidates.

The local politicians have left off talking about the men to be appointed police commissioners long enough to give a little attention to the successor of Frank Herald as commissioner of elections.

There are three men talked of as candidates and there will probably be several more out before the new governor is inaugurated. The men so far talked about for the place are J. T. Lockard, Capt. C. H. Hines and C. D. Watson. Mr. Lockard was formerly councilman from the Fourth ward, but is now one of the old residents of Topeka. Capt. Hines has long been prominent in county politics, and Mr. Watson is secretary of the county central committee.

The commissioner of elections is allowed \$1,200 a year and \$750 for clerk hire. He is appointed by the governor for a term of four years. The clerk does all the work and the commissioner pockets \$1,200 for doing nothing.

While the Republicans are looking for a suitable man to take the office, Commissioner Herald is confident that he can not be displaced. "My term will expire March 10, 1897," said he, "and I am a Republican, and they can have the office then, but they will not get the place before that. I was appointed for four years by the governor and I have my commission for that time. I can only be removed for mismanagement of the office and I have not been guilty of anything of the kind and do not propose to make myself liable to that charge if I can help it."

"If they attempt to remove me for misconduct of the office, they will then find out that I am something of a fighter myself."

KANSAS AVENUE GLIMPSES.

The street car track on Jackson street is being repaired.

H. Taylor of the Bank of Topeka was in Kansas City yesterday.

Mrs. A. P. Wilder, who has been very sick of late, is slowly recovering.

Police court business seems to be picking up some as cold weather approaches.

T. J. Kellam has returned from Colorado, where he has been for a week or two.

Ed Wagener has about recovered from his recent illness and is able to be on the street.

Dr. L. H. Munn has been re-appointed local surgeon of the Rock Island road in Topeka.

The new Bijou opera house will be opened this evening with a free invitation concert by Marshall's band.

M. S. Hayes, the owner of the packing mare Ella C, has taken her to Newton where he will remain on a farm and train her.

There is no one sick at the county jail now. Even the man who drank another fellow's medicine with deadly intent has recovered.

Chief of Police H. C. Lindsey is in Oklahoma City looking at his property and seeing about his probable candidacy for city marshal.

The visiting representatives of the Kansas cities of the first class will hold

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their convention at the Crawford opera house in January.

Florence Bindley, Charles Dickson, Stuart Robson, Sol Smith Russell and "The Dazzler" will visit the Grand during the next thirty days.

James Murphy of the mail carriers' force who is still very sick with typhoid malarial fever at his home on east first street, is now considered out of danger, but he will be sick a long time.

The Kindergarten minstrels were a great success in many ways. Besides furnishing something to keep about sixty young men out of mischief they brought in a clear gain of \$350 for the kindergarten. The receipts of the show were something over \$700.

Wm. Doyle, who was recently released from the county jail by the commissioners, filled up on whisky immediately afterwards and kept that way. He was brought to the city jail last night in a mandarin state, which soon developed into an aggravated case of jimmies. He is somewhat better today.

Both nights of the Orphans' home carnival there were almost as many people on the stage as there were in the audience. Topeka people are not much interested in trade displays and theatrical advertising, even for so good a cause. The show last night was a little smoother than it was on Monday night.

Mrs. Jenny Millner, an out of town young woman, was arrested by the police yesterday afternoon for shoplifting. She was caught by a clerk in Stevenson's store, but had articles on her person taken from other stores in town. She put up \$10 for her appearance this morning, but failed to emulate the notable example of the cat.

"If the fee grabbing fight comes up before the legislature this winter," said a prominent lawyer today, "the clerks of the courts in the state will organize to fight it, and there will be a lobbying committee sent here to see that no legislation against them gets through the legislature. It is a thieving law, but I believe it will be mighty hard to change it now."

JOTTINGS ABOUT THE CITY.

Washburn and Bethany colleges have closed for the Christmas holidays.

There will be a Christmas tree Christmas eve for the young people in the Seabrook Congregational church.

County Clerk Charles E. McCabe is attending the session of the Kansas County Clerks' association at Salina.

Sheriff Burdge says if the legislature prefers to put the sheriffs on a stated salary he will not protest, but he is entirely satisfied.

Topeka contractors are building \$2,500 house for Editor E. A. Veller, of Waterloo. It was also designed by Topeka architects.

T. J. Anderson says a half-rate to Topeka for the inaugural ball won't draw many people. He favors an open rate of one cent a mile.

School District No. 22, taught by Ida Taylor, will give a Christmas entertainment Friday night. It will be followed by a basket supper.

Contractor George H. Evans went to Ft. Worth last night to look after his contract for \$50,000 worth of repairs on the federal building there.

W. D. Murdoch, of Wichita, who leaves soon for Mexico, will be succeeded by Charles L. Seagraves, of Kansas City, as district passenger agent of the Santa Fe.

The new court house has now reached the top of the third story and with a few weeks more of good weather the builders will have the building entirely enclosed.

Payments are unusually prompt this year, as is shown by the large crowd that fills the county treasurer's office continually. Better take a day off when you go to pay your taxes.

Lee Jones says Temperance Evangelist Tracy will make \$2,000 out of his ten nights services in Topeka. He is said to have made nearly \$500 in Osaage City. Lee is an underdog.

A revival service is in progress at the Wesleyan Methodist church, corner of Third and Jefferson streets. Rev. G. B. Howard is holding daily services that are successful and popular.

Deputy Sheriff Wiley attended a dance at Metropolitan hall recently and failed to discover a single intoxicated man, or one with a suspicious breath. And prohibition bears no good fruit, they say!

Ex-Sheriff John M. Wilkerson has spent much of his time in the past few months looking after his big farm just out of St. Joseph, Mo. He returned to Topeka last night to keep an eye on his race for the wardenship of the state penitentiary.

County Superintendent Wright urges all the school teachers in Shawnee county to attend the meeting of the State Teachers' association in Topeka next week and get some practical and modern ideas on the most improved methods of teaching the youth how to shoot.

The Reformed Presbyterian church has

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Where Every Purchase Will Save the Buyer Money. Don't Miss Seeing our Candy and Nut Display.

23 lbs finest Granulated Sugar.....	\$1.00
Fresh Country Butter, per lb.....	15
Fresh Country Eggs, per doz.....	20
Florida Sweet Oranges, per doz.....	25
4 packages Cleaned Currants.....	75
Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, per lb.....	20
3 lbs pure Mince Meat.....	25
2 lbs home made Apple Butter.....	25
2-1 lb combs Honey.....	55
New Edam Cheese.....	1.00
2 lbs Cream Cheese.....	25
1 quart Imported Queen Olives.....	25
5 lbs California Raisins.....	25
3 lbs Seedless Raisins.....	25
3 lbs Dried Grapes.....	25
1 lb Prunells.....	15
1 lb best Layer Figs.....	15
2 lbs finest London Layer Raisins.....	25
2 lbs Evaporated Raspberries.....	45
2 lbs Evaporated Apples.....	25
2 gallon pure Sugar Syrup.....	50
15 lb pure Jelly.....	40
Potted Ham or Tongue.....	65
1 gallon pure Maple Syrup.....	65
6 lbs New York Buckwheat Flour.....	25
2 packages Self Rising Buckwheat Flour.....	25
3 cans Columbia River Salmon.....	25
Pink or White Colorado Potatoes, per bushel.....	65
Soda Crackers, per lb, by box.....	35
Best Ginger Snaps, per lb.....	25
6 bars Grandpas Soap.....	25
2 cans Sugar Corn.....	15
2 cans best 3-lb Tomatoes.....	15
8 lbs Dates.....	25
5 stalks Celery.....	10

Meats and Lard.

No. 1 Sugar Cured Ham, per lb.....	10
Sugar Cured Breakfast Bacon, per lb.....	10
California Ham, per lb.....	8
Dry Salt Side Meat.....	7 1/2
4 lbs White Lard.....	25
White Lard—3, 5 and 10 lb cans, per lb.....	10

For Christmas.

Candies Pure and Cheap Enough for Everyone.

4 lbs Pure mixed.....	25
4 lbs Assorted Stick.....	25
1 lb Pure French Creams.....	10
3 lbs New England Mixed.....	25
1 lb Gum Drops.....	15
1 lb Lemon Drops.....	15
1 lb Hand Made Chocolate Drops.....	20

NUTS.

Guaranteed all New.

2 lbs California Almonds.....	25
2 lbs English Walnuts.....	25
3 lbs Brazil Nuts.....	25
2 lbs Pecans.....	25
2 lbs Filberts.....	25
All Mixed, 3 lbs for.....	25
All 10 cents per quart, mixed, 3 quarts for.....	25

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commenced the erection of a new church edifice on the east side of New street, north of Tenth. It will be of brick, with dressed stone facing, and cost about \$3,000. Its seating capacity will be about 220. It will be one of the cozier churches in the city. Haskell & Stanton are the architects. The congregation is a prospering and a growing one.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

J. T. Davis of Jackson county was in the city today marketing his apple crop.

The Needle Tree meets this afternoon at Rev. Calvin Holman's, to dress Christmas dolls.

George Dean of Manhattan will spend the holidays with the family of J. S. Standfield.